

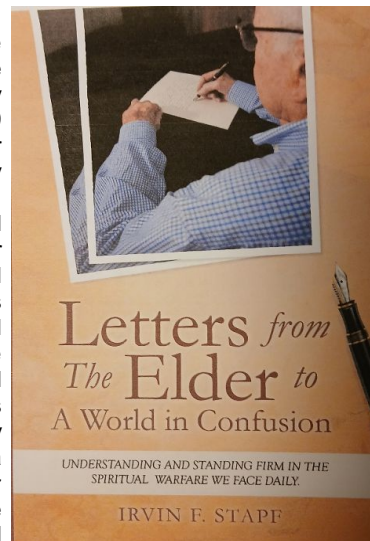
Dear Friends,

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Our society has always been in change, but it is certainly true that in the past 20 or so years things have moved so rapidly that it is hard for any of us to fully understand the world we now live in. This has laid many concerns on my heart about the temptations we face, especially our young people, that pull us away from the truth and love our Lord wants for us. Many of my concerns are expressed in my last book, *Not For This Life Only*, and this final one *Letters From the Elder To A World in Confusion*.

I have never liked self promotion, and I don't consider these books as equal to many other that are on the market, but they express the concerns of my heart for all of our good and I do ask you to read and consider what I'm sharing.

The book will be available through Amazon, and Barnes and Noble. I invite you to get a copy and share your thoughts with me. I write on the back cover that there are parts of it that you will likely not be happy with. It is a book that challenges us all to reconsider many things we take for granted in daily life. I've written a series of 19 letters on a number of subjects concerning God's original plan for His creation, and the confusion we've created in the world by ignoring that plan. Of course, we've been doing this for millennia, but it seems to be coming to a head in our age of advanced technology that has given us a variety of new ways to defy our Lord's good will for his people. This has created a serious spiritual warfare. This warfare manifests itself in very real satanic forces that seek to destroy people's calling to a deep and beautiful fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We find our best life in the two great commandments to love our God with heart soul, mind and strength, and our neighbor as ourself. In the confusion of life's many choices we have been drawn away from that life into many false promises for something better. But there is always hope for a new life in God's Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. It is that life I want for you all. The path is not easy but the reward is the very best. There is a strength with joy and peace beyond anything this present world and it's goodies can ever offer.



I don't share anything as judgment, but as correction pointing us to the One who cleanses and redeems. That, above all, is the message. We each have an invitation to come further into God's redeeming love through the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone is the way, the truth, and the life. What our Lord offers is the best life we can have, and a life that will never end.

What follows in these pages is a series of 19 letters from The Elder to a generation of people who very much need to understand the meaning and purpose Almighty God intends for the life He created. I was reluctant to call myself The Elder because I mean no comparison to The Elder, St. John, the great New Testament Apostle as he used it in his Second Letter.(2John.1:1) I claim no superiority in knowledge or spiritual authority. My eldership is strictly in years since I am older than most of you who pick up this book. This simply means that I have a bit longer perspective than many others. It also means that I've learned a lot from many of you as well as a number of fine scholars who I highly respect. Further, these letters are not the screed of an old man longing for the "good old days". There really weren't any anyway. They are the concerns of a pastor's heart to others he hopes will listen, take seriously, and look more earnestly to the God who created them.

May this life always be yours, dear reader.

*The Elder*